

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12647–S12742

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2846–2851, and S. Res. 372. **Page S12708**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12648–99**

Rejected:

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prohibit the use of Federal funds for abortions. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 369), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12648, S12659–64, S12669–83**

Withdrawn:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 370), McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.) **Page S12684**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12648**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S12685–88**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12685**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, and that following any remarks of the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees, for up to 10 minutes each, the next two hours be for debate only, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes, and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes; with the remaining time equally divided and used in alternating

fashion; provided further, that no amendments are in order during this time. **Page S12742**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S12742**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S12742**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—370) **Pages S12683–84**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S12742.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Karl W. Eikenberry, United States Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State; and General Stanley A. McChrystal, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 957, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, H.R. 2729, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy, H.R. 3165, to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, H.R. 3585, to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, S. 737, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to conduct research, development, and demonstration to make biofuels more compatible with small nonroad engines, S. 1617, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program for the award of grants to States to establish revolving loan funds for small and medium-sized manufacturers to improve energy efficiency and produce clean energy technology, S. 2744, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources, and S. 2773, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to support the research, demonstration, and development of commercial applications for offshore wind energy, after receiving testimony from Kristina M. Johnson, Under Secretary of Energy.

FEDERAL DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal drinking water programs, after receiving testimony from Peter S. Silva, Assistant Administrator for Water, and Cynthia J. Giles, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Matthew C. Larsen, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Jerome A. Paulson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, D.C.; Michael G. Baker, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, Arlington, Virginia; Gene Whatley, Oklahoma Rural Water Association, Inc., Oklahoma City; and Jeffrey K. Grif-

fiths, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Betty E. King, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.